THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Saturday, the 1st April 1961.

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at three of the clock, Mr. Chairman (THE HON. DR. P. V. CHERIAN) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Acquisition of land

* 4 *S.N.Q.*—DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Government have prohibited acquisition of land within the City limits; and

(*b*) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (*a*) Government have ordered that in future land within City municipal limits should not be acquired under Land Acquisition Act for housing.

(*b*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the statement made by me on the floor of the House at the conclusion of the discussions regarding the State Housing Board Bill on 6th March 1961.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Will this prohibition order affect people who have acquired land with the idea of building small houses even though they purchased the land at the prevailing market rates?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : I am afraid the hon. Member has not understood the order. No proceedings by way of land acquisition will be started by Government for acquiring lands in future within the City municipal areas for the purpose of housing. That means, private transactions will go on as they like. For slum clearance land will be acquired. For Harijan house-sites, it will be acquired. It will not be acquired for housing colony schemes which are taken up in large areas for the purpose of developing housing colonies because the schemes have a tendency to force prices up.

VIDWAN T. MUTHUKANNAPPAN : இந்த நிலை ஆர்ஜிதத் தடை உத்திரவு பல மாதங்கள் அல்லது சில வருஷங்களுக்கு முன்பு ஏற்கனவே தொடங்கிக் கடிதப் போக்குவரத்தில் (already under correspondence) இருக்கும் நிலங்கள் விஷயத்திலும் அமுல்படுத்தப்படுமா ?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : That will depend on the facts of each case. In these cases, that is, where proceedings have been started before this order was passed, the order will not apply. But where lands will be allowed to be acquired will depend upon the circumstances of each case.

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : Is it because of the decision of the Housing Board that the Government came to issue this order or is it because large plots of land are not available in the City?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : The Government decided in 1959 to develop neighbourhoods. Pursuant to that decision this order was made. That is, it is unnecessary to take up lands within municipal limits for development by building houses.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Will this order affect private transactions between individuals in the matter of acquisition of lands?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : The word 'acquisition' has a technical meaning. When I used that word, I meant, 'acquisition under the Land Acquisition Act', not buying and selling. There can be no objection and there will be no impediment whatsoever to private transactions going on.

VIDWAN T. MUTHUKANNAPPAN : இந்தத் தடை உத்திரவு எவ்வளவு காலம் நீடிக்கலாம்?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : இப்பொழுது சொல்வதற்கில்லை.

Panchayat Boards

* 223 Q.—DR. A. CHIDAMBARANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) the names of panchayat boards that were superseded (i) during 1959–60 and (ii) from April to November 1960;

(*b*) the reasons for the supersession; and

(*c*) the number of panchayats brought into existence between April and November 1960?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN (on behalf of the Hon. the Chief Minister) : (*a*) Kombai Panchayat in the Periakulam taluk of Madurai district, was superseded for the period from 16th September 1959 to 15th September 1960. Vilathikulam Panchayat in the Koilpatti taluk of Tirunelveli district remained superseded during the period from 23rd July 1958 to 22nd July 1959.

(*b*) The above panchayats were superseded on account of mal-administration due to faction, etc., among the members of the panchayat.

(*c*) One thousand seven hundred and eighty-two panchayats were brought into existence from 1st April to 30th November 1960.

DR. A. CHIDAMBARANATHAN : விளாத்திகுளம் பஞ்சாயத்து போர்டையும் கோம்பை பஞ்சாயத்து போர்டையும் இப்போது புதுப்பித்திருக்கும்பொழுது அவை சரியாக நடைபெறும் என்று அரசாங்கம் நினைக்கிறதா? அதற்கு வேண்டிய பாதுகாப்பும் சீர்திருத்தமும் எல்லாம் செய்யப்பட்டுள்ளனவா?